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UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.

*Yellow fever in Panama.*PANAMA, *June 25, 1897.*

SIR: If the cases of yellow fever are less than they have been, it is because the scourge is lacking in material to fasten its clutches upon. So I am told by the best authority on yellow fever here, a native physician that has practiced here for forty years. The Panamaians never get it, and foreigners that are acclimated are fairly secured. This same doctor tells me that a foreigner who has lived nine years in Panama is as safe from the disease as a native Panamaian. So far as my experience here goes, I believe this to be correct. The Panama Canal is receiving mechanics and engineers from France twice a month. These people as they arrive are at once sent to a camp some twenty miles from here, in the mountains at an altitude of some 700 feet. There they are safe, and they will go to work as soon as the epidemic disappears. All of them would very likely die if they were allowed to go to work here now, as sad experience shows.

As I have stated before to the State Department and to you, I believe the trouble is due to the fact that vessels are never disinfected here, although people have died from yellow fever on all of them. I refer to steamers coming from the South. The fever has come from Guayaquil here, and it is with us now in earnest.

Four Americans died here last week.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

VICTOR VIFQUAIN,
United States Consul-General.

Yellow fever decreasing in Panama.

[Cablegrams.]

WASHINGTON, *July 6, 1897.*UNITED STATES CONSUL-GENERAL, *Panama, Colombia:*

If medical assistance needed to enforce quarantine regulations, nominate physician, \$100 per month. Same at Colon if necessary. Can send physicians if none available. Wire reply, giving estimated number yellow cases.—WYMAN, *Surgeon-General.*

PANAMA, *July 7, 1897.*WYMAN, *Surgeon-General, Washington, D. C.:*

Yellow decreasing; 10 cases; writing.—VIFQUAIN.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

AUSTRALIA—*New South Wales—Sidney.*—Month of April, 1897. Estimated population, 410,000. Total deaths, 446, including enteric fever, 7; diphtheria, 4, and whooping cough, 1.

FRANCE—*Roubaix.*—Month of May, 1897. Estimated population, 126,000. Total deaths, 180, including diphtheria, 1, and whooping cough, 2.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales.*—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended June 19